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City of Seattle Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle Rule

Rule R-6.310.320L

Taximeters.

1. Each taxicab shall pass a taximeter test at least once per year. Additional tests shall be required if the taximeter security seal is broken, the taxicab owner is replacing the vehicle, or as the Director requires in order to confirm that the taximeter is functioning properly.
2. Taximeter tests shall be performed following procedures contained in the most recent version of Handbook 44 *Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*, as amended, published by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). All taximeters placed in service after July 5, 1997 must have a Certificate of Conformance issued by the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) proving compliance with the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP).
3. No taximeter test will be performed on a vehicle during a change of vehicle until the vehicle safety inspection is completed with no violations.
4. All taximeter tests will be scheduled by appointment only. If the taxicab is late for an appointment scheduled by the Director, the appointment will be cancelled, a \$50 monetary penalty will be assessed against the vehicle owner, and 2 penalty points will be assessed against the taxicab association.
5. For the purpose of this rule, a taximeter will not be considered to be "functioning properly" unless it has receipt paper and automatically prints a receipt at the end of each trip. The printed receipt must include all the following information: taxicab name and number, date, start and end time of trip, distance traveled, fare, additional charges (extras, surcharges), total fare, and taxicab passenger complaint hotline telephone number.
6. Beginning July 1, 2009, taxicabs that undergo taximeter tests in connection with a change of vehicle or a scheduled annual inspection shall meet the additional requirements in this rule. All taxicabs shall meet the requirements in this rule not later than June 30, 2010. Taximeters shall be modified to meet the following requirements: (1) the taximeter shall be disabled when there is no receipt paper, (2) the taximeter shall automatically print a receipt at the end of each trip, (3) the taximeter statistical functions shall be protected by a password issued by the Director to each taximeter technician, and (4) the taximeter printed receipt shall contain the taxicab passenger complaint hotline telephone number (206) 296-TAXI.

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